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LONDON AND OF CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S VISIT
TO WASHINGTON

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1. FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FRG IT IS CLEAR THAT
THE FRG WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE
MEETING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND CHANCELLOR IN
LONDON, BUT IS SOMEWHAT MORE RELAXED ABOUT TIMING OF THE
ANNOUNCEMENT ON SCHMIDT'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

2. AS FOR THE LONDON MEETING, THE FOREIGN OFFICE
(WOLFF) HAS INFORMED US THAT THE FRG PROPOSES A
SIMULTANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENT IN WASHINGTON AND LONDON. IT
DOES NOT THINK A COORDINATED TEXT IS NECESSARY BUT WOULD
LIKE TO COORDINATE THE TIING. THE FRG HAS NO SPECIFIC
SUGGESTIONS ON TIMING, THOUGH A CHANCELLERY OFFICIAL
THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT
BY NEXT TUESDAY, PERHAPS AT 1400 BONN TIME (0900
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3. AS FOR THE CHANCELLOR'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON, CURRENT
FRG THINKING IN THE CHANCELLERY AND THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY IS TO MAKE THAT ANNOUNCEMENT EITHER IN
CONNECTION WITH THE LONDON MEETING OR PERHAPS AFTER THE
LONDON MEETING. ONE CHANCELLERY OFFICIAL
(RUHFUS) HAS TOLD US HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE CONVENIENT
TO RELEASE THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH ANY

STATEMENT MADE AFTER THE CARTER-SCHMIDT LONDON
BILATERAL.

4. TO COORDINATE TIMING ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LONDON
MEETING, WE WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION AS TO WHEN THE
WHITE HOUSE PROPOSES TO ANNOUNCE THE PRESIDENT'S
LONDON SCHEDULE. ONCE WE HAVE THAT INFORMATION, WE
COULD COORDINATE WITH THE GERMANS A SIMULTANEOUS
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SCHMIDT BILATERAL. HOWEVER,
WE COULD ALSO, OF COURSE, ANNOUNCE THE BILATERAL
SEPARATELY.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.
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